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Period	Marriages	Births	Deaths	Population	
				Whole State (a)	Metro-politan (b)
1951-52	20,747	51,757	24,039	2,344,491	1,330,800
1952-53	19,302	54,108	22,514	2,395,254	1,359,100
1953-54	19,567	53,910	23,054	2,452,341	1,388,800
1954-55	19,454	55,497	22,407	2,517,229	1,544,500
1955-56	20,378	57,627	22,657	2,593,468	1,595,300
1956-57	19,889	59,185	24,355	2,656,257	1,677,100
1957-58	21,034	60,136	23,831	2,718,482	1,726,100
1958-59	20,293	62,799	25,107	2,785,905	1,777,700
1959-60	20,804	62,518	24,488	2,857,389	1,831,100
1960-61	20,714	66,049	24,546	2,930,113(c)	1,911,895(c)
1958 -					
Mar. Qr.	5,146	15,187	4,949	2,704,916	n.a.
June Qr.	5,586	14,302	5,857	2,718,482	1,726,100
Sep. Qr.	4,028	15,968	7,019	2,731,527	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,889	15,812	5,800	2,745,165	n.a.
1959 -					
Mar. Qr.	5,312	14,715	5,609	2,769,778	n.a.
June Qr.	5,064	16,304	6,679	2,785,905	1,777,700
Sep. Qr.	4,246	15,465	6,860	2,799,973	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,834	15,761	5,930	2,811,429	n.a.
1960 -					
Mar. Qr.	5,277	15,229	5,584	2,842,439	n.a.
June Qr.	5,447	16,063	6,114	2,857,389	1,831,100
Sep. Qr.	4,078	17,019(d)	7,861(d)	2,875,034	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,825	15,714(d)	4,988(d)	2,888,290	n.a.
1961 -					
Mar. Qr.	5,510	16,465(d)	5,655(d)	2,914,195	n.a.
June Qr.	5,301	16,851	6,042	2,930,113(c)	1,911,895(c)
Sep. Qr.	4,381	16,371	6,997	2,942,898	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	6,072	16,199	5,806	2,949,354	n.a.
1962 -					
Mar. Qr.	5,520	16,577	5,546	2,974,843	n.a.

- (a) At end of each period. Figures for inter-censal estimates (1954-1961) have been adjusted in accordance with the preliminary result of June, 1961, Census.
- (b) At middle of each period to 1955-56 and at the end of each period thereafter. Metropolitan statistical division was re-defined and enlarged in 1954 and 1961.
- (c) Preliminary Census figure - subject to amendment.
- (d) Owing to changes in the registration procedure, figures for September and December quarters, 1960, and March quarter, 1961 are not strictly comparable with those for corresponding quarters of other years.

n.a. : Not available.

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VICTORIA - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT
 (Excluding Rural Workers, Female Private Domestics, and Defence Forces)
 ('000)

Month	Total Employees			Total Employees in Main Industrial Groups				
	Government (a)	Private Employ- ers	Total	Fac- tories	Building and Con- struc- tion	Trans- port and Comm- unic- ation	Commerce and Finance	Pro- fessional and Personal Services (b)

MALES

1959-June	169.3	434.1	603.4	254.1	50.7	75.9	105.0	58.6
1960-June	168.9	454.5	623.4	268.1	50.7	75.3	108.9	61.2
1961-June	174.9	444.5	619.4	255.7	51.9	79.0	109.5	62.8
1961 -								
Mar.	172.2	460.1	632.3	266.7	52.2	77.6	112.3	62.9
Apr.	173.3	456.2	629.5	263.9	52.3	78.5	111.3	63.0
May	174.4	r450.9	r625.3	r260.2	52.4	78.7	110.6	62.9
1962 -								
Mar.	176.2	r449.9	r626.1	r264.8	47.3	77.0	111.4	64.6
Apr.	175.8	r446.6	r622.4	r263.5	46.4	76.1	110.9	64.7
May	175.7	449.7	625.4	265.7	46.8	76.5	111.2	64.6

FEMALES

1959-June	45.2	207.6	252.8	97.6	1.5	11.6	62.2	69.5
1960-June	46.6	221.5	268.1	106.1	1.7	11.9	65.7	72.3
1961-June	48.6	212.9	261.5	96.2	1.8	12.1	66.2	74.5
1961 -								
Mar.	48.7	224.5	273.2	106.2	1.8	12.4	67.6	74.5
Apr.	48.7	220.5	269.2	103.0	1.8	12.4	66.8	74.5
May	48.6	r215.7	r264.3	r 98.8	1.8	12.3	66.4	74.3
1962 -								
Mar.	50.9	r223.1	r274.0	r106.2	1.8	12.0	66.9	76.2
Apr.	50.8	r219.7	r270.5	r103.2	1.8	12.0	66.4	76.2
May	50.7	221.6	272.3	104.6	1.8	11.9	66.8	76.3

PERSONS

1959-June	214.5	641.7	856.2	351.7	52.2	87.5	167.2	128.1
1960-June	215.5	676.0	891.5	374.2	52.4	87.2	174.6	133.5
1961-June	223.5	657.4	880.9	351.9	53.7	91.1	175.7	137.3
1961 -								
Mar.	220.9	684.6	905.5	372.9	54.0	90.0	179.9	137.4
Apr.	222.0	676.7	898.7	366.9	54.1	90.9	178.1	137.5
May	223.0	r666.6	r889.6	r359.0	54.2	91.0	177.0	137.2
1962 -								
Mar.	227.1	r673.0	r900.1	r371.0	49.1	89.0	178.3	140.8
Apr.	226.6	r666.3	r892.9	r366.7	48.2	88.1	177.3	140.9
May	226.4	671.3	897.7	370.3	48.6	88.4	178.0	140.9

(a) Commonwealth, State, local and allied governmental authorities.

(b) Includes education, health, hotels, and restaurants.

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VICTORIA - UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS, AND SPECIAL BENEFITS
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFITS AND AMOUNTS PAID IN BENEFITS

Period	Number on Benefit (a)				Amount Paid in Benefits during Period			
	Unem- ployment	Sick- ness	Special		Unem- ployment	Sick- ness	Special	
			Ordinary	Migrants (b)			Ordinary	Migrants (c)
							£	
1952-53	6,168	1,732	358	..	923,732	370,354	58,344	82,222
1953-54	2,698	1,987	458	..	507,676	405,414	78,490	48,552
1954-55	538	1,991	544	..	99,305	387,452	80,358	41,845
1955-56	479	1,684	528	..	74,664	345,171	83,878	43,559
1956-57	3,349	1,607	525	..	530,959	339,414	84,630	70,496
1957-58	5,127	1,604	557	..	1,011,800	406,032	106,158	115,576
1958-59	5,743	1,871	627	419	1,224,299	508,980	126,441	60,556
1959-60	4,267	2,071	742	319	935,501	546,165	148,009	54,077
1960-61	4,884	2,085	879	369	895,640	542,147	175,267	58,495
1961-62	14,783	2,327	961	443	3,603,255	646,821	209,583	68,941
1959 -								
Jan.	5,389	1,685	604	482	85,036	42,571	8,651	9,089
Feb.	4,572	1,707	611	376	96,952	33,329	7,575	7,899
Mar.	4,548	1,710	633	485	84,273	40,562	10,859	4,837
Apr.	5,136	1,807	636	365	82,917	46,025	14,057	4,850
May	5,643	1,889	683	835	99,287	48,798	13,206	5,600
June	6,013	1,972	716	495	99,058	94,305	10,280	10,319
1960 -								
Jan.	3,946	2,027	726	440	80,029	47,007	9,845	5,230
Feb.	3,263	2,022	767	101	62,121	43,646	14,732	4,914
Mar.	3,254	1,998	763	374	68,182	59,161	14,302	3,805
Apr.	3,588	2,017	769	631	56,331	43,588	11,412	4,672
May	3,768	2,018	746	73	59,053	43,266	11,659	8,254
June	3,676	2,082	754	39	60,373	38,072	8,028	2,287
1961 -								
Jan.	2,169	1,984	887	370	33,473	38,883	10,743	857
Feb.	2,341	2,008	923	70	37,536	47,243	13,933	9,945
Mar.	4,192	1,918	931	305	47,568	42,675	14,287	3,725
Apr.	7,537	2,021	956	947	78,235	39,249	15,525	5,984
May	11,190	2,039	933	1,150	131,008	34,197	13,220	16,699
June	16,089	2,121	915	939	291,010	66,103	28,775	8,139
1962 -								
Jan.	13,679	2,220	976	207	321,127	41,093	14,690	1,272
Feb.	11,416	2,247	963	38	245,897	49,921	14,964	3,596
Mar.	11,062	2,267	972	314	248,729	57,926	15,920	2,287
Apr.	13,325	2,347	976	110	264,175	66,997	20,327	2,950
May	12,868	2,314	991	38	330,221	71,964	20,977	1,706
June	14,338	2,479	1,025	98	319,975	66,909	20,343	631

Source : Department of Social Services.

(a) Average of monthly figures for financial years, and thereafter on benefit on last Saturday of month.

(b) Not available prior to July, 1958.

(c) In reception and training centres.

VICTORIA -- INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK (a)

5.

Period	Number of Disputes	Workers Involved			Working Days Lost	Estimated Loss in Wages £'000
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total		
1956-57	46	20,267	1,015	21,282	20,262	65
1957-58	65	44,701	548	45,249	83,105	287
1958-59	56	15,307	1,172	16,479	42,118	146
1959-60	76	71,686	807	72,493	68,554	255
1960-61	105	76,272	733	77,005	113,046	461
1960 -						
June Qr.	19	20,645	-	20,645	20,940	82
Sep. Qr.	21	19,159	-	19,159	15,468	57
Dec. Qr.	31	14,105	-	14,105	38,493	155
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	28	13,735	221	13,956	26,283	119
June Qr.	25	29,273	512	29,785	32,802	130
Sep. Qr.	20	5,744	200	5,944	5,380	23
Dec. Qr.	18	2,695	367	3,062	8,006	33
1962 -						
Mar. Qr.	28	4,321	166	4,487	8,412	37

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred, but who were not themselves parties to the dispute.

VICTORIA -- MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES (a)

End of Month	Rates of Wages (b)				Index Numbers (Base : Australia 1954 = 100)			
	Adult Males		Adult Females		Adult Males		Adult Females	
	Manuf-acturing	All Ind-ustries	Manuf-acturing	All Ind-ustries	Manuf-acturing	All Ind-ustries	Manuf-acturing	All Ind-ustries
	s.d.							
1957-December	314 5	316 0	220 0	225 0	111.3	111.9	110.5	113.0
1958-December	318 1	319 8	222 8	227 6	112.6	113.2	111.8	114.3
1959-December	342 8	344 2	236 11	241 3	121.3	121.9	119.0	121.2
1960-December	347 10	349 10	241 2	246 7	123.2	123.9	121.1	123.9
1961-December	360 6	361 10	250 3	256 6	127.6	128.1	125.7	128.8
1962-March	360 10	363 1	250 4	256 7	127.8	128.6	125.7	128.9
April	361 1	363 3	(c)	(c)	127.9	128.6	(c)	(c)
May	361 2	363 4	(c)	(c)	127.9	128.6	(c)	(c)

(a) Indexes of weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime) and index numbers of wage rates, as prescribed in awards, determinations, and agreements. The indexes are designed to measure movements in prescribed minimum rates of "wages" as distinct from "salaries". Consequently, awards, etc., relating mainly to salary earners are excluded. Rural industries are also excluded.

(b) The money amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money terms.

(c) Figures are available only at the end of each quarter.

MELBOURNE - BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES (a) - ADULT MALES

Month of Change	Under Commonwealth Awards	Under Determinations of State Wages Boards
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1950 - November	7. 3. 0	7. 3. 0
December	8. 2. 0 (b)	8. 2. 0 (b)
1951 - May	8.17. 0	8.17. 0
1952 - May	10.12. 0	10.12. 0
1953 - May	11.12. 0	11.12. 0
August	11.15. 0	11.15. 0
November	..	11.17. 0
1954 - August	..	11.16. 0
1955 - May	..	11.17. 0
1956 - May	..	12.16. 0
June	12. 5. 0 (b)	..
August	..	13. 3. 0
1957 - May	12.15. 0 (b)	..
1958 - May	13. 0. 0 (b)	..
1959 - June	13.15. 0 (b)	13.15. 0 (b)
1961 - July	14. 7. 0 (b)	14. 7. 0 (b)

(a) Covers selected rates but does not include all of the variations since November, 1950.

(b) Rates declared subsequent to a Commonwealth basic wage enquiry.

Female rates : Since December, 1950, female rates have been 75% of the corresponding male rates; previously they have varied according to the award or determination under which they were payable.

NOTE: Up to August, 1953, basic wage rates under Wages Board Determinations generally followed those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. In September, 1953, automatic quarterly adjustments of the basic wage were discontinued by the Commonwealth Court, but were continued for State Wages Board Determinations until August, 1956.

VICTORIA - AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

(£)

Period	Sep.Qr.	Dec.Qr.	March Qr.	June Qr.	Year
1953-54	16.42	17.36	15.86	16.93	16.64
1954-55	17.24	18.04	16.73	18.35	17.59
1955-56	18.30	19.26	17.95	19.61	18.78
1956-57	19.44	20.45	18.78	20.12	19.70
1957-58	19.97	21.27	19.14	20.49	20.22
1958-59	20.52	21.85	19.44	20.97	20.69
1959-60	21.60	22.68	21.52	23.30	22.28
1960-61	23.22	24.42	22.29	23.34	23.32
1961-62	23.54	24.80	23.15		

(a) Total wages divided by total civil employment expressed in male earnings.

NOTE: Comparisons of trends should be made for complete years. Quarterly averages are affected by seasonal influences.

MELBOURNE - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(Base of Each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100)

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Period	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Misc- ellaneous	All Groups
1955-56	112.2	102.8	113.8	101.6	108.3	108.1
1956-57	117.8	104.9	122.8	105.2	117.8	114.0
1957-58	114.3	108.4	127.3	106.2	118.8	114.4
1958-59	116.1	109.6	129.4	109.2	122.2	116.6
1959-60	120.8	110.7	135.8	110.9	125.5	120.0
1960-61	130.2	112.8	151.2	112.5	129.2	125.9
1961-62	127.8	114.0	157.5	114.1	129.3	126.3
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	130.4	112.9	152.5	112.3	129.2	126.1
June Qr.	132.0	113.6	154.9	113.1	129.3	127.1
Sep. Qr.	130.9	113.6	155.0	113.6	129.3	126.8
Dec. Qr.	128.1	114.1	157.7	114.3	129.5	126.5
1962 -						
Mar. Qr.	126.6	114.2	158.1	114.2	129.0	125.9
June Qr.	125.6	114.2	159.2	114.4	129.5	125.9

VICTORIA - CONSUMPTION OF MAIN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (a)
('000 gall.)

Period	Aviation Gasoline	Motor Spirit (b)	Aviation Turbine Fuel	Lighting Kerosene (c)	Power Kerosene	Diesel Oil (d)		Furnace Oil (e)
						Auto- motive	Indus- trial	
1957-58	7,571	312,775	6,778	14,411	18,765	41,719	47,502	135,853
1958-59	6,513	336,485	8,297	15,301	18,721	45,341	51,297	133,079
1959-60	4,369	366,210	17,322	16,078	16,909	49,950	53,348	140,735
1960-61	4,184	392,175	15,352	16,850	16,197	55,905	55,740	114,963
1961-62	3,583	404,832	16,177	15,209	13,994	68,089	55,102	117,496
1961 -								
Jan.	358	31,550	1,224	772	977	3,739	3,326	6,017
Feb.	376	31,340	1,199	1,089	1,065	4,271	3,724	10,570
Mar.	379	35,030	1,384	1,408	1,187	4,900	4,134	9,245
Apr.	335	30,254	1,174	1,193	1,406	4,509	3,739	8,386
May	313	34,201	1,339	1,680	1,794	5,595	5,339	8,499
June	340	33,502	1,282	1,990	1,290	5,055	5,376	12,030
1962 -								
Jan.	247	34,360	1,487	843	1,147	4,629	3,357	7,472
Feb.	317	32,718	1,407	995	1,248	5,116	3,757	7,767
Mar.	349	36,167	1,426	1,101	1,164	5,699	3,912	11,155
Apr.	295	33,586	1,300	979	1,255	4,635	4,140	9,326
May	408	36,556	1,445	2,013	1,424	5,692	6,155	10,940
June	271	33,352	1,262	1,786	1,283	5,279	5,338	9,924

Source: Division of Fuel, Department of National Development.

- (a) State marketing area, which includes the whole of Victoria, plus the Riverina district in N.S.W.
 (b) Includes super and standard grades.
 (c) Includes heating oil.
 (d) Excludes bunker oil.
 (e) Excludes refinery fuel.

VICTORIA - PRODUCTION STATISTICS
SELECTED LIST OF COMMODITIES (a)

Period	Elec- tricity	Gas	Sul- phuric Acid	Super- phos- phate	Brown coal	Butter (b)	Meat (c)	Flour (Wheaten)
	mill. kWh.	mill. cu. ft.			'000 tons			'000 short tons
1951-52	2,964	15,525	242.8	633.0	8,096	59.24	267.1	559.2
1952-53	3,193	13,136	220.4	571.3	8,075	57.32	294.7	591.4
1953-54	3,693	13,715	252.9	659.5	8,731	63.61	292.5	473.8
1954-55	4,151	14,290	275.1	722.9	9,668	79.51	320.4	452.5
1955-56	4,647	14,461	296.3	760.2	10,383	90.67	306.8	451.5
1956-57	4,991	15,746	269.2	642.9	10,772	88.60	311.4	450.8
1957-58	5,321	16,684	314.6	773.9	10,859	86.18	374.1	473.0
1958-59	5,704	17,306	308.5	775.2	12,337	88.13	405.9	418.8
1959-60	6,198	17,992	323.1	855.0	14,028	89.39	406.2	423.1
1960-61	6,556	18,097	319.6	867.7	15,730	89.36	359.8	463.6
1959 - Dec.	443	1,269	28.0	76.2	1,015	12.55	41.9	32.7
1960 - Jan.	429	1,090	29.2	72.1	1,062	9.94	36.1	31.2
Feb.	451	1,161	30.0	72.8	1,124	7.49	35.8	28.5
Mar.	486	1,241	31.1	94.4	1,168	5.51	35.2	31.8
Apr.	481	1,396	32.4	89.7	1,128	3.13	31.6	29.4
May	605	1,792	33.4	87.7	1,291	2.15	27.8	37.2
Dec.	488	1,207	24.7	56.9	1,166	12.60	36.9	32.9
1961 - Jan.	469	1,050	27.1	68.7	1,203	9.02	31.8	35.5
Feb.	453	1,089	27.3	71.2	1,204	5.61	31.9	40.9
Mar.	484	1,283	31.4	99.2	1,259	4.75	32.1	38.7
Apr.	484	1,376	32.4	85.1	1,269	3.55	26.2	34.9
May	607	1,757	36.0	104.0	1,486	3.19	29.0	43.3
Dec.	510	1,234	17.0	39.5	1,206	11.98	41.3	30.2
1962 - Jan.	501	1,149	20.6	56.7	1,241	9.24	39.5	37.1
Feb.	492	1,157	32.2	86.2	1,267	7.03	36.6	39.6
Mar.	567	1,304	32.2	87.4	1,432	5.63	38.7	37.7
Apr.	485	1,409	36.5	87.2	1,465	3.42	31.2	28.8
May	606	1,910	33.1	109.5	1,578	2.32	38.2	45.9

(a) Particulars of production of other commodities appear in the Victorian Monthly Production Bulletin which is obtainable free of charge on application.

(b) Factory Production only.

(c) Bone-in weight.

NOTE : All figures from July, 1961 are subject to revision.

VICTORIA -- PRODUCTION STATISTICS
SELECTED LIST OF COMMODITIES (a)

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Period	Beer (b)	Clay Bricks	Roofing Tiles	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Sawn Native Timber	Electric Motors	Motor Bodies	Footwear (c)
	mill. gall.	mill.		'000 sq. yds.	mill. sup.ft.	No.		'000 prs.
1951-52	56.17	185.2	35.63	7,317	348.5	113,610	49,667	12,443
1952-53	57.88	164.6	32.31	6,754	322.2	102,857	38,069	11,689
1953-54	63.63	198.5	32.65	6,665	339.0	160,219	63,019	13,873
1954-55	68.09	209.2	35.80	7,343	362.3	168,079	66,056	13,724
1955-56	71.59	225.5	39.36	8,069	351.3	175,313	82,213	14,379
1956-57	67.61	208.1	34.01	7,431	342.3	188,309	64,159	15,231
1957-58	69.34	236.4	34.55	7,621	346.4	213,046	90,495	16,199
1958-59	70.26	257.9	37.49	8,297	344.0	276,444	101,721	18,321
1959-60	74.15	283.2	37.18	8,199	350.3	332,339	132,195	21,081
1960-61	77.11	289.1	34.38	7,658	321.8	350,078	132,353	20,464
1959 - Dec.	8.18	21.5	2.52	584	24.0	24,141	8,929	1,572
1960 -								
Jan.	7.05	18.8	2.04	503	20.7	16,110	7,054	979
Feb.	6.07	23.1	3.03	697	30.1	25,461	11,546	1,627
Mar.	6.43	26.3	3.45	758	33.5	30,379	13,730	1,793
Apr.	5.94	22.5	3.02	643	26.1	27,083	10,855	1,651
May	4.57	25.7	3.50	718	31.8	26,850	13,793	1,942
Dec.	7.84	24.2	2.28	538	24.7	30,337	10,218	1,376
1961 -								
Jan.	8.06	19.6	1.95	502	17.9	22,315	8,644	1,057
Feb.	6.58	22.1	2.66	595	25.4	27,375	10,324	1,585
Mar.	6.83	23.5	2.45	579	26.4	30,672	10,184	1,870
Apr.	5.85	20.3	2.15	526	21.9	21,444	6,970	1,581
May	5.16	23.5	2.86	599	27.5	27,864	9,558	1,884
Dec.	8.51	18.6	1.95	439	20.6	28,314	7,831	1,401
1962 -								
Jan.	6.98	15.6	2.06	421	17.1	22,358	7,308	1,265
Feb.	5.36	20.5	2.75	555	25.0	34,353	9,985	1,775
Mar.	6.51	25.2	2.97	571	28.4	33,741	10,798	1,968
Apr.	6.36	20.7	2.30	494	22.3	25,744	9,543	1,667
May	5.73	24.5	3.36	616	n.a.	37,395	12,166	2,092

(a) Particulars of production of other commodities appear in the Victorian Monthly Production Bulletin which is obtainable free of charge on application.

(b) From 1956-57 onwards represents quantity produced (incl.waste) as recorded by Department of Customs and Excise.

(c) Excludes rubber.

n.a. Not available.

Period	Houses (Dwelling Units)				Flats (Dwelling Units)			
	Approved (a)	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Under Constr- uction (b)	Approved (a)	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Under Constr- uction (b)
1952-53	n.a.	16,254	21,284	21,675	n.a.	490	692	685
1953-54	20,693	20,915	21,593	20,995	872	739	689	735
1954-55	23,000	22,674	23,839	19,827	1,157	1,183	781	1,137
1955-56	21,801	21,245	22,652	18,399	776	715	1,273	579
1956-57	19,868	19,649	20,185	17,863	1,259	1,110	897	792
1957-58	22,719	21,933	21,367	18,429	1,380	1,283	1,104	971
1958-59	22,826	22,443	24,329	16,543	1,965	1,826	1,434	1,363
1959-60	24,585	23,201	24,157	15,587	4,480	3,521	2,062	2,822
1960-61	18,432	18,517	22,094	12,010	5,077	4,672	4,183	3,311
1961-62	18,114	18,582(c)	18,966(c)	11,626(c)	3,291	3,027(c)	4,078(c)	2,260(c)
1957 -								
Sep. Qr.	5,583	5,153	4,813	18,203	380	327	306	813
Dec. Qr.	5,631	5,133	5,798	17,538	331	259	303	769
1958 -								
Mar. Qr.	5,641	5,732	5,084	18,186	308	323	205	887
June Qr.	5,864	5,915	5,672	18,429	361	374	290	971
Sep. Qr.	6,382	6,089	6,022	18,496	453	355	364	962
Dec. Qr.	5,935	5,428	6,669	17,255	528	321	407	876
1959 -								
Mar. Qr.	4,707	5,438	5,553	17,140	298	526	329	1,073
June Qr.	5,802	5,488	6,085	16,543	686	624	334	1,363
Sep. Qr.	6,077	5,558	5,856	16,245	806	542	415	1,490
Dec. Qr.	6,087	5,878	6,503	15,620	778	771	616	1,645
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	6,065	5,754	5,509	15,865	1,130	964	392	2,217
June Qr.	6,356	6,011	6,289	15,587	1,766	1,244	639	2,822
Sep. Qr.	6,058	5,904	6,264	15,227	1,985	1,570	917	3,475
Dec. Qr.	5,007	4,986	6,484	13,729	1,686	1,778	1,180	4,073
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	3,184	3,856	4,713	12,872	544	628	858	3,843
June Qr.	4,183	3,771	4,633	12,010	862	696	1,228	3,311
Sep. Qr.	4,581	4,755	4,517	12,248	733	755	1,260	2,806
Dec. Qr.	4,355	4,464	4,877	11,835	992	696	1,101	2,401
1962 -								
Mar. Qr.	4,384	4,619	4,491	11,963	656	798	794	2,405
June Qr.	4,794	4,744(c)	5,081(c)	11,626(c)	910	778(c)	923(c)	2,260(c)

(a) Approvals comprise permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let or day labour work approved by government authorities.

(b) At end of period.

(c) Preliminary estimate.

n.a. Not available.

VICTORIA - VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS
(£'000)

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Period	Houses and Flats	Shops	Fac- tories	Business Premises	Educa- tion	Health	Other	Total
<u>COMMENCED</u>								
1957-58	75,620	3,661	16,013	10,893	4,207	5,320	6,419	122,133
1958-59	78,887	6,036	16,599	14,518	5,314	2,157	8,096	131,607
1959-60	90,865	6,495	19,270	17,319	8,990	2,325	8,340	153,604
1960-61	84,173	5,176	21,126	15,380	10,311	5,211	13,999	155,376
1960 -								
Sep. Qr.	27,000	1,761	6,179	4,752	2,353	2,806	2,696	47,547
Dec. Qr.	24,146	1,192	6,311	6,532	2,898	317	2,634	44,030
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	16,509	1,157	4,047	2,171	1,615	1,459	6,241	33,199
June Qr.	16,518	1,066	4,589	1,925	3,445	629	2,428	30,600
Sep. Qr.	19,809	811	5,452	2,174	2,318	1,204	2,009	33,777
Dec. Qr.	18,800	626	4,500	2,556	4,678	1,318	3,289	35,767
1962 -								
Mar. Qr.	19,538	1,116	6,503	4,012	3,315	1,104	4,513	40,101

<u>COMPLETED</u>								
1957-58	73,196	3,666	19,219	14,391	7,600	6,753	6,931	131,756
1958-59	84,772	4,761	16,096	13,920	4,495	3,993	9,400	137,437
1959-60	87,208	5,382	21,506	15,301	6,521	2,913	9,331	148,162
1960-61	92,334	6,901	26,581	17,193	7,700	2,724	9,719	163,152
1960 -								
Sep. Qr.	24,540	3,053	7,303	4,365	1,336	446	1,917	42,960
Dec. Qr.	26,277	1,998	5,105	4,489	1,288	643	2,346	42,146
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	19,999	790	8,061	5,174	2,046	843	3,283	40,196
June Qr.	21,518	1,060	6,112	3,165	3,030	792	2,173	37,850
Sep. Qr.	21,982	1,539	6,808	3,783	2,891	708	3,170	40,881
Dec. Qr.	21,893	1,217	4,156	5,017	1,852	1,815	3,287	39,237
1962 -								
Mar. Qr.	19,283	854	3,574	1,470	3,677	2,849	2,089	33,796

<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD</u>								
1957-58	59,871	2,114	21,147	13,798	3,126	12,597	10,097	122,750
1958-59	55,658	3,434	22,011	14,791	4,071	11,269	8,945	120,179
1959-60	60,859	4,649	19,935	16,864	6,706	10,740	8,020	127,773
1960-61	54,076	2,966	14,816	15,132	9,387	13,274	12,536	122,187
1960 -								
Sep. Qr.	63,819	3,349	18,902	17,282	7,714	13,120	8,888	133,074
Dec. Qr.	62,014	2,564	20,151	19,329	9,349	12,801	9,205	135,413
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	58,854	2,942	16,238	16,329	8,937	13,421	12,198	128,919
June Qr.	54,076	2,966	14,816	15,132	9,387	13,274	12,536	122,187
Sep. Qr.	52,162	2,250	13,506	13,622	8,876	13,767	11,412	115,595
Dec. Qr.	49,359	1,661	13,838	11,177	11,713	13,292	11,448	112,488
1962 -								
Mar. Qr.	49,951	1,932	16,790	13,716	11,345	11,575	13,953	119,262

VICTORIA - STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND (a)

REVENUE
(£'000)

Item	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62 (Estimate)	July - May		
				1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
Taxation	37,994	42,142	43,703	30,184	34,439	35,361
Railways	39,032	42,624	42,734	35,103	38,810	38,846
State Coal Mine	362	360	309	325	318	229
Territorial	2,937	2,853	3,003	2,485	2,474	2,507
Interest	9,313	10,344	11,583	2,373	2,649	3,271
Commonwealth Grants -						
Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	1,950	1,950	1,950
Financial Assistance						
Grants	60,625	67,374	73,049	52,541	58,388	63,416
All Other Revenue	15,920	17,277	17,717	10,602	12,201	11,971
Total	168,310	185,101	194,225	135,563	151,229	157,551

EXPENDITURE
(£'000)

Item	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62 (Estimate)	July - May		
				1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
Interest, Exchange, etc. (b)	24,362	26,221	29,048	23,441	25,164	28,035
Sinking Fund						
Contributions	5,300	5,749	6,307	4,708	5,258	5,772
Railways	39,632	42,624	42,734	36,082	37,750	38,997
State Coal Mine	592	622	598	491	528	476
Social Expenditure -						
Education	35,308	40,085	43,721	30,930	36,542	39,655
Health	23,339	24,663	25,989	21,347	21,562	23,039
Law and Order	10,591	11,596	12,302	9,164	10,345	10,840
Other	3,296	3,674	4,181	2,142	3,000	3,875
Pensions (c)	2,472	2,664	2,935	2,027	2,103	2,371
All Other Expenditure	23,105	27,033	26,383	16,362	17,009	17,603
Total	167,997	184,931	194,198	146,694	159,261	170,663

- (a) Tables on this page have been prepared from information published in the Annual Budget Papers and from the monthly statements issued by the State Treasury.
- (b) Excluding interest paid on loans received from the Commonwealth Government for Housing and Soldier Settlement. These amounts are included with "All Other Expenditure".
- (c) Excluding Railways pensions which are included with Railways expenditure.

VICTORIA - MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED FOR REGISTRATION
(Lodged under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act)

13.

Period	Under £5,000		£5,000 and Over		Total (a)	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957-58	34,181	62,935	1,913	26,989	36,094	89,924
1958-59	37,471	73,285	2,460	32,375	39,931	105,660
1959-60	40,092	83,125	2,938	46,121	43,030	129,246
1960-61	42,091	88,681	3,996	69,774	46,087	158,455
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	8,426	17,697	685	10,922	9,111	28,619
June Qr.	11,581	24,745	852	14,009	12,433	38,754
Sep. Qr.	12,146	26,304	1,010	19,426	13,156	45,730
Dec. Qr.	11,574	24,764	1,147	22,519	12,721	47,283
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	9,027	18,764	939	13,165	9,966	31,929
June Qr.	9,344	18,849	900	14,664	10,244	33,513
Sep. Qr.	9,482	19,519	865	12,374	10,347	31,893
Dec. Qr.	9,211	18,998	826	12,771	10,037	31,769
1962 -						
Mar. Qr.	8,188	16,665	793	11,423	8,981	28,088

VICTORIA - MORTGAGES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO TYPES OF MORTGAGEES
(£'000)

Period	Banks (a)	Co-operative Housing Societies	Insurance Companies	Commonwealth and State Government Institutions	Others	Total (a)
1957-58	12,050	7,790	18,565	15,337	36,182	89,924
1958-59	17,210	8,063	16,636	12,603	51,148	105,660
1959-60	20,495	8,354	19,048	13,097	68,252	129,246
1960-61	19,334	10,363	26,614	12,629	89,515	158,455
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	5,054	1,671	4,321	2,331	15,242	28,619
June Qr.	7,124	1,990	5,444	4,153	20,043	38,754
Sep. Qr.	8,122	2,896	7,582	3,172	23,958	45,730
Dec. Qr.	6,352	3,069	7,119	3,012	27,731	47,283
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	2,363	2,311	5,701	3,342	18,212	31,929
June Qr.	2,497	2,087	6,212	3,103	19,614	33,513
Sep. Qr.	4,406	2,451	4,063	2,977	17,996	31,893
Dec. Qr.	3,166	3,170	4,331	3,157	17,945	31,769
1962 -						
Mar. Qr.	3,234	2,483	3,585	3,084	15,702	28,088

(a) Excluding certain bank mortgages, principally to trading banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

Period	Deposits			Advances	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits %
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total		
	£'000				
1951-52	329,228	94,332	423,560	228,971	54.06
1952-53	321,396	83,297	404,693	224,091	55.37
1953-54	353,742	90,784	444,526	218,046	49.05
1954-55	367,752	105,717	473,469	249,129	52.62
1955-56	370,587	104,128	474,715	262,672	55.33
1956-57	365,878	111,249	477,127	246,724	51.71
1957-58	375,730	128,772	504,502	251,302	49.81
1958-59	371,873	143,598	515,471	262,590	50.94
1959-60	396,556	151,256	547,812	268,836	49.07
1960-61	384,803	167,826	552,629	313,892	56.80
1961 -					
Feb.	379,963	170,222	550,185	309,215	56.20
Mar.	385,930	173,078	559,008	302,930	54.19
Apr.	387,845	174,017	561,862	304,136	54.13
May	371,488	181,958	553,446	304,544	55.03
1962 -					
Feb.	392,200	215,197	607,397	291,961	48.07
Mar.	396,033	217,261	613,294	295,267	48.14
Apr.	390,427	214,370	604,797	300,867	49.75
May	381,183	218,235	599,418	301,544	50.31

(a) Banks specified in the Banking Act, 1959 (Banking Act 1945-53 prior to 14th January, 1960) and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia.

VICTORIA - CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a) - DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS
(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches)
(Weekly Averages £ Mill.)

Period	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
July	183.8	185.0	204.6	219.7	251.2	286.0	297.7
August	167.3	165.1	184.0	194.9	228.6	297.4	270.1
September	169.3	183.5	196.6	206.9	247.6	271.4	284.0
October	183.8	192.3	210.5	224.4	262.7	293.9	292.4
November	196.1	194.3	212.5	225.6	265.1	291.9	287.9
December	205.2	202.8	242.8	253.4	297.9	308.3	326.9
January	172.2	188.0	173.5	176.8	227.4	259.0	261.2
February	184.0	206.2	201.9	244.6	260.8	272.0	309.9
March	191.1	207.1	212.5	235.0	273.2	282.4	291.9
April	190.2	210.4	216.5	223.0	266.2	263.7	295.0
May	199.2	214.6	218.2	247.1	291.7	289.5	319.2
June	181.0	201.7	216.9	240.1	292.5	272.3	

(a) Includes all cheque paying-banks and, in addition, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank, prior to 14th January, 1960).

Period	Number of Operative Accounts -- All Savings Banks (b)	Depositors' Balances				
		State Savings Bank	Commonwealth Savings Bank	Other Savings Banks	All Savings Banks	Per Head of Population
	'000	£'000				£
1953-54	2,119	245,607	94,174	..	339,781	138.6
1954-55	2,154	260,151	104,597	..	364,748	144.9
1955-56	2,234	264,317	110,216	11,644	386,177	148.9
1956-57	2,320	266,276	114,542	30,751	411,569	154.9
1957-58	2,437	272,807	117,805	43,019	433,631	159.5
1958-59	2,565	281,296	122,577	54,581	458,454	164.6
1959-60	2,692	298,136	131,243	70,242	499,621	174.9
1960-61	2,822	308,306	133,672	75,552	517,530	176.6
1961 -						
Mar.	2,786	302,285	131,848	74,423	508,556	173.8
Apr.	2,800	302,115	131,398	74,131	507,644	173.5
May	2,813	302,806	130,582	75,141	508,529	173.8
1962 -						
Mar.	2,940	323,566	138,024	90,254	551,844	187.5
Apr.	2,949	322,004	137,212	89,637	548,853	186.1
May	2,967	322,796	137,417	92,730	552,943	187.4

(a) At end of period.

(b) Excluding school bank accounts.

VICTORIA - COMPANIES REGISTERED

Period	New Companies				Number of Existing Companies (a)	
	Number Registered		Nominal Capital		Victorian	Other
	Victorian	Other	Victorian	Other		
			£'000			
1953-54	1,301	108	70,083	22,307	14,439	1,277
1954-55	1,725	127	112,739	81,498	15,627	1,354
1955-56	2,106	152	83,382	117,389	17,702	1,483
1956-57	2,200	138	118,370	45,590	19,531	1,591
1957-58	2,646	191	130,914	87,125	21,662	1,751
1958-59	3,146	211	140,912	151,759	24,525	1,906
1959-60	4,171	248	218,781	145,273	28,340	2,114
1960-61	3,859	257	230,032	99,676	32,146	2,318
1961-62	3,182	252	134,703	81,595	35,031	2,506
1961 -						
Apr.	273	16	7,872	9,387	31,465	2,301
May	237	12	8,395	1,434	31,702	2,306
June	r 447	17	60,929	1,025	32,146	2,318
1962 -						
Apr.	247	23	10,950	2,562	34,529	2,474
May	235	20	25,695	12,502	34,600	2,486
June	562	32	16,553	21,281	35,031	2,506

Source : Registrar-General.

(a) At end of period.

r : Revised.

NEW POLICIES ISSUED (EXCLUDING ANNUITIES)

Period	Ordinary Business		Industrial Business		Superannuation Business		Total	
	Number of Policies	Sum Insured	Number of Policies	Sum Insured	Number of Policies	Sum Insured	Number of Policies	Sum Insured
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1956-57	80,963	124,034	57,358	9,050	)	(	138,321	133,084
1957-58	83,642	154,931	56,678	9,247	)	(	140,320	164,178
1958-59	87,351	163,523	52,053	9,007	)	n.a.	139,404	172,530
1959-60	113,257	227,588	52,111	9,608	)	(	165,368	237,196
1960-61	122,315	281,818	50,104	12,977	)	(	172,419	294,795
1961 -								
Jan.	4,070	7,426	1,186	231	1,215	4,145	6,471	11,802
Feb.	5,747	9,815	4,017	919	1,926	4,563	11,690	15,297
Mar.	6,828	13,481	4,329	1,207	1,660	4,927	12,817	19,615
Apr.	6,324	10,963	3,653	970	2,311	4,626	12,288	16,559
1962 -								
Jan.	4,303	7,981	1,152	261	1,197	3,284	6,652	11,526
Feb.	5,668	11,070	3,463	1,038	977	3,254	10,108	15,362
Mar.	7,948	13,974	3,985	1,453	1,231	6,554	13,164	21,981
Apr.	6,431	14,541	4,169	1,414	2,114	5,546	12,714	21,501

POLICIES DISCONTINUED OR REDUCED (EXCLUDING ANNUITIES)

Period	Ordinary Business		Industrial Business		Superannuation Business		Total	
	Number of Policies	Sum Insured	Number of Policies	Sum Insured	Number of Policies	Sum Insured	Number of Policies	Sum Insured
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1956-57	48,526	35,969	85,866	7,510	)	(	134,392	43,479
1957-58	52,377	42,711	87,250	7,500	)	(	139,627	50,211
1958-59	53,009	52,115	84,603	7,930	)	n.a.	137,612	60,045
1959-60	71,653	63,420	85,201	7,996	)	(	156,854	71,416
1960-61	128,155	98,339	95,221	9,213	)	(	223,376	107,552
1961 -								
Jan.	5,936	5,923	6,569	655	)	(	12,505	6,578
Feb.	6,365	7,620	7,656	724	)	n.a.	14,021	8,344
Mar.	7,665	8,002	7,871	783	)	(	15,536	8,785
Apr.	5,863	6,803	6,730	761	)	(	12,593	7,564
1962 -								
Jan.	4,193	3,881	6,300	700	1,538	1,502	12,031	6,083
Feb.	4,565	4,904	6,488	672	4,330	2,956	15,383	8,532
Mar.	5,487	6,270	6,843	761	3,320	3,172	15,650	10,203
Apr.	4,668	5,456	6,614	781	1,949	2,217	13,231	8,454

n.a. : Not available separately (Included with Ordinary Business).

NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES

(Excluding Advances of Premiums)

(£'000)

Period	On Mortgages of Real Estate			On Companies' Policies	Other Loans			Total Loans
	Housing	Other	Total		To Building or Housing Societies	Other	Total	
1956-57	)	(	15,859	1,690	)	(	1,997	19,546
1957-58	)	(	14,769	1,820	)	(	760	17,349
1958-59	) n.a.	n.a. (	16,525	2,189	) n.a.	n.a. (	622	19,336
1959-60	)	(	17,946	2,443	)	(	1,285	21,674
1960-61	)	(	21,845	3,813	)	(	1,806	27,464
1961 -								
Jan.	)	(	1,540	209	)	(	101	1,850
Feb.	)	(	1,583	417	)	(	47	2,047
Mar.	) n.a.	n.a. (	1,970	410	) n.a.	n.a. (	122	2,502
Apr.	)	(	1,659	293	)	(	21	1,973
1962 -								
Jan.	286	255	541	174	12	82	94	809
Feb.	360	410	770	230	11	10	21	1,021
Mar.	490	391	881	285	5	25	30	1,196
Apr.	328	732	1,060	228	12	37	49	1,337

n.a. : Not available.

VICTORIA - TOTAL INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (a)

(£'000)

Period	Amount Financed (b)				Balances Outstanding at End of Period (c)		
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors etc.	Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods	Total (All Goods)	Retail Businesses	Non Retail Businesses	Total
1956-57	38,498	2,888	32,537	73,923	21,931	60,042	81,973
1958-59(d)	51,005	4,411	51,545	106,961	42,436	90,000	132,436
1959-60	68,226	5,385	52,577	126,188	53,710	108,041	161,751
1960-61	54,150	6,069	51,200	111,419	60,156	102,192	162,348
1960 -							
Mar. Qr.	16,537	1,375	11,528	29,440	51,562	105,039	156,601
June Qr.	16,833	1,416	12,232	30,481	53,710	108,041	161,751
Sep. Qr.	16,925	1,591	13,792	32,308	56,157	111,529	167,686
Dec. Qr.	17,186	2,017	15,896	35,099	60,913	115,225	176,138
1961 -							
Mar. Qr.	10,122	1,310	10,888	22,320	60,308	109,350	169,658
June Qr.	9,917	1,151	10,624	21,692	60,156	102,192	162,348
Sep. Qr.	9,889	1,202	10,699	21,790	57,580	97,102	154,682
Dec. Qr.	12,286	1,595	13,463	27,344	60,463	95,307	155,770

(a) Includes Hire Purchase and Other Instalment Credit (e.g. Time Payment, Budget Account and Personal Loan Schemes in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments) by Retail Businesses and by Businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (c) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (d) Figures for 1957-58 are not available.

Period	Number of Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (b) (£'000)	Amount Financed (c)		Average Proportion of Sale Financed(c) (Per Cent)	Balance Outstanding at End of Period (d) (£'000)
			Total (£'000)	Average per Agreement (£)		
<u>MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.</u>						
1956-57	85,850	61,248	38,433	448	62.7)
1958-59(e)	107,775	79,826	50,428	468	63.2)
1959-60	128,625	99,287	65,509	509	66.0)
1960-61	93,015	76,329	49,921	537	65.4)
1959 -						
Mar. Qr.	23,952	17,753	11,279	471	63.5)
June Qr.	26,984	20,315	12,963	480	63.8)
Sep. Qr.	29,285	21,807	14,129	482	64.8)
Dec. Qr.	36,464	29,022	19,100	524	65.8)
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	32,228	24,249	15,985	496	65.9)
June Qr.	30,648	24,209	16,295	532	67.3	) (f)
Sep. Qr.	29,779	23,506	15,582	523	66.3)
Dec. Qr.	28,394	23,933	15,751	555	65.8)
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	17,263	14,748	9,502	550	64.4)
June Qr.	17,579	14,142	9,086	517	64.2)
Sep. Qr.	18,801	13,685	8,848	471	64.7)
Dec. Qr.	21,303	16,942	11,012	517	65.0)

PLANT AND MACHINERY

1956-57	8,027	4,406	2,854	356	64.8)
1958-59(e)	12,078	6,587	4,302	356	65.3)
1959-60	11,666	7,725	5,250	450	68.0)
1960-61	10,881	8,634	5,973	549	69.2)
1959 -						
Mar. Qr.	2,693	1,386	890	330	64.2)
June Qr.	3,007	1,521	1,003	334	65.9)
Sep. Qr.	2,691	1,601	1,067	397	66.6)
Dec. Qr.	3,551	2,154	1,463	412	67.9)
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	2,753	1,973	1,350	490	68.4)
June Qr.	2,671	1,997	1,370	513	68.6	) (f)
Sep. Qr.	3,078	2,249	1,555	505	69.1)
Dec. Qr.	3,786	3,000	1,990	526	66.3)
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	2,281	1,984	1,296	568	65.3)
June Qr.	1,736	1,401	1,132	652	80.8)
Sep. Qr.	3,394	1,759	1,174	346	66.7)
Dec. Qr.	3,043	2,310	1,564	514	67.7)

(a) The statistics on this and the following page relate to Hire Purchase operations by Retail Businesses, and also to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves. In previous issues, statistics have been confined to operations by Finance Businesses.

NOTE : For footnotes (b) to (f) see page 19.

Period	Number of Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (b) (£'000)	Amount Financed (c)		Average Proportion of Sale Financed(c) (Per Cent)	Balances Outstanding at End of Period (d) (£'000)
			Total (£'000)	Average per Agreement (£)		
<u>HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS</u>						
1956-57	439,158	29,679	24,566	56	82.8)
1958-59(e)	494,879	42,332	35,832	72	84.6)
1959-60	494,748	41,144	34,845	70	84.7)
1960-61	453,145	36,092	30,654	68	84.9)
1959 --						
Mar. Qr.	106,581	9,123	7,666	72	84.0)
June Qr.	113,877	9,690	8,191	72	84.5)
Sep. Qr.	127,836	10,699	9,029	71	84.4)
Dec. Qr.	138,688	11,218	9,458	68	84.3)
1960 --						
Mar. Qr.	115,855	9,630	8,191	71	85.1)
June Qr.	112,369	9,597	8,167	73	85.1	) (f)
Sep. Qr.	121,636	10,175	8,662	71	85.1)
Dec. Qr.	138,794	10,412	8,832	64	84.8)
1961 --						
Mar. Qr.	102,217	8,313	7,067	69	85.0)
June Qr.	90,498	7,192	6,093	67	84.7)
Sep. Qr.	99,751	7,608	6,483	65	85.2)
Dec. Qr.	123,237	8,859	7,438	60	84.0)

TOTAL (ALL GOODS)

1956-57	533,035	95,333	65,853	124	69.1	77,261
1958-59(e)	614,732	128,745	90,562	147	70.3	119,923
1959-60	635,039	148,156	105,604	166	71.3	143,120
1960-61	557,041	121,055	86,548	155	71.5	136,602
1959 -						
Mar. Qr.	133,226	28,262	19,835	149	70.2	117,113
June Qr.	143,868	31,526	22,157	154	70.3	119,923
Sep. Qr.	159,812	34,107	24,225	152	71.0	124,118
Dec. Qr.	178,703	42,394	30,021	168	70.8	134,228
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	150,836	35,852	25,526	169	71.2	139,013
June Qr.	145,688	35,803	25,832	177	72.2	143,120
Sep. Qr.	154,493	35,930	25,799	167	71.8	145,684
Dec. Qr.	170,974	37,345	26,573	155	71.2	150,550
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	121,761	25,045	17,865	147	71.3	144,717
June Qr.	109,813	22,735	16,311	149	71.7	136,602
Sep. Qr.	121,946	23,052	16,505	135	71.6	130,405
Dec. Qr.	147,583	28,111	20,014	136	71.2	128,697

For footnote (a) see page 18.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (d) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(e) Figures for 1957-58 are not available. (f) Separate details are not available.

See "TOTAL (ALL GOODS)" on page 19 for total balances outstanding.

VICTORIA - VALUE OF RETAIL SALES BY COMMODITY GROUPS
(£ Mill.)

Period	Food- stuffs (a)	Beer, Wine, and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, and Foot- wear	Hard- ware (b)	Elec- trical Goods (c)	Other Goods (d)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e)
1951-52	145.7	41.9	99.7	29.4	21.8	116.2	454.7	117.0
1952-53	163.2	45.6	100.2	30.3	20.9	115.7	475.9	108.7
1953-54	173.3	50.1	112.5	33.1	23.9	121.6	514.5	124.5
1954-55	195.8	53.8	116.5	37.0	26.8	130.5	560.4	146.2
1955-56	212.2	59.0	121.8	39.1	30.0	144.9	607.0	164.6
1956-57	226.5	63.5	127.1	40.3	35.3	151.7	644.4	167.5
1957-58	231.1	65.7	133.8	41.4	43.1	154.8	669.9	188.4
1958-59	246.9	68.2	139.8	45.6	50.5	161.8	712.8	197.4
1959-60	268.9	71.2	153.8	47.2	52.0	182.0	775.1	243.2
1960-61	295.0	74.1	160.2	48.3	49.5	190.6	817.7	240.8
1957 -								
Dec. Qr.	59.7	18.0	38.7	11.9	12.0	44.8	185.1	50.0
1958 -								
Mar. Qr.	56.9	17.1	28.5	10.0	10.5	36.2	159.2	46.8
June Qr.	58.2	15.7	35.8	9.6	10.9	36.9	167.1	48.5
Sep. Qr.	59.8	15.4	33.0	10.9	13.0	38.8	170.9	47.8
Dec. Qr.	63.2	18.1	40.8	13.2	14.7	45.6	195.6	52.7
1959 -								
Mar. Qr.	61.7	18.4	29.0	10.6	11.3	37.3	168.3	47.2
June Qr.	62.2	16.3	37.0	10.9	11.5	40.1	178.0	49.7
Sep. Qr.	64.1	16.2	34.8	11.2	12.3	42.2	180.8	55.2
Dec. Qr.	69.2	19.4	44.8	13.4	14.7	51.2	212.7	65.6
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	66.0	18.5	32.0	11.4	12.3	43.1	183.3	58.3
June Qr.	69.6	17.1	42.2	11.2	12.7	45.5	198.3	64.1
Sep. Qr.	71.5	16.9	38.2	11.8	12.9	47.0	198.3	66.9
Dec. Qr.	77.1	20.6	47.4	14.0	14.5	55.5	229.1	68.1
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	73.4	19.7	32.9	11.4	11.5	43.8	192.7	52.5
June Qr.	73.0	16.9	41.7	11.1	10.6	44.3	197.6	53.3
Sep. Qr.	74.8	17.0	37.1	11.6	11.3	46.2	198.0	52.0
Dec. Qr.	78.4	20.0	45.6	14.0	14.5	54.4	226.9	58.6
1962 -								
Mar. Qr.	74.0	19.0	33.3	11.8	11.9	43.7	193.7	55.9

(a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks).

(c) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(d) Includes furniture, tobacco, newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

NOTE : All figures from September, 1957 are subject to revision.

VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA - VALUE OF OVERSEA TRADE
(£'000 f.o.b.)

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Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports
1951-52	363,193	185,994	-177,199	1,053,423	675,008	-378,415
1952-53	173,775	228,118	54,343	514,109	871,272	357,163
1953-54	237,683	203,581	- 34,102	681,609	828,332	146,723
1954-55	297,494	216,572	- 80,922	843,742	774,164	- 69,578
1955-56	299,340	209,396	- 89,944	821,088	781,864	- 39,224
1956-57	254,946	255,752	806	718,991	992,906	273,915
1957-58	282,713	218,373	- 64,340	791,940	817,946	26,006
1958-59	291,297	219,551	- 71,746	796,599	811,463	14,864
1959-60	339,349	244,070	- 95,279	926,393	937,682	11,289
1960-61	399,972	246,971	-153,001	1,087,577	968,843	-118,734
1958 -						
Dec.	23,974	24,029	55	62,362	76,389	14,027
1959 -						
Jan.	26,563	17,915	- 8,648	74,403	68,244	- 6,159
Feb.	21,368	22,051	683	58,946	73,653	14,707
Mar.	19,334	18,622	- 712	58,868	66,509	7,641
Apr.	27,869	17,174	- 10,695	73,219	72,313	- 906
May	23,178	22,617	- 561	63,202	76,698	13,496
Dec.	28,631	27,697	- 934	76,159	96,342	20,183
1960 -						
Jan.	26,194	19,942	- 6,252	75,508	73,264	- 2,244
Feb.	31,325	22,176	- 9,149	78,530	82,969	4,439
Mar.	31,488	24,550	- 6,938	88,320	88,145	- 175
Apr.	26,674	16,886	- 9,788	72,607	70,268	- 2,339
May	35,071	20,544	- 14,527	91,254	77,033	- 14,221
Dec.	36,973	24,140	- 12,833	91,666	83,591	- 8,075
1961 -						
Jan.	38,958	21,488	- 17,470	99,889	82,572	- 17,317
Feb.	35,206	24,782	- 10,424	95,071	79,905	- 15,166
Mar.	32,273	23,197	- 9,076	89,650	87,866	- 1,784
Apr.	31,565	21,669	- 9,896	86,971	81,771	- 5,200
May	29,313	28,196	- 1,117	78,908	93,854	14,946
Dec.	22,225	r24,502	r 2,277	61,873	r83,680	r 21,807
1962 -						
Jan.	27,204	r24,793	r- 2,411	r 82,162	r95,709	r 13,547
Feb.	23,219	24,695	1,476	69,344	r86,843	r 17,499
Mar.	26,687	23,391	- 3,296	77,748	90,335	12,587
Apr.	25,417	22,373	- 3,044	r 71,490	86,680	r 15,190
May	31,098	26,794	- 4,304	91,208	101,632	10,424

r : Revised.

NOTE : Minus sign (-) denotes excess of imports.

All figures from July, 1961 are subject to revision.

Period	Wool Sold			Amount Realized				Average Price of Greasy Wool at Auction in Victoria (Incl. Albury)
	Greasy and Scoured			Melbourne	Geelong	Albury and Ballarat	Total	
	Melbourne	Geelong	Albury and Ballarat					
	'000 bales			£'000				pence per lb.
1950-51	570.8	279.6	126.9	103,025	55,495	21,347	179,867	150.74
1951-52	576.6	308.6	114.3	46,987	28,194	8,960	84,141	68.65
1952-53	626.2	335.6	131.4	59,334	35,857	11,659	106,850	79.10
1953-54	577.1	306.8	124.0	55,438	32,946	11,370	99,754	82.24
1954-55	617.2	359.3	135.5	53,895	34,137	11,233	99,265	73.37
1955-56	669.5	382.7	142.7	50,538	30,877	10,139	91,554	62.22
1956-57	761.6	442.6	157.2	72,751	45,761	13,890	132,402	79.87
1957-58	679.9	448.5	123.7	51,648	36,649	9,226	97,523	63.82
1958-59	738.9	437.9	148.7	44,970	28,010	8,947	81,927	49.89
1959-60	784.2	480.7	151.1	56,685	37,603	10,868	105,156	60.11
1960-61	780.1	480.4	129.5	51,577	35,488	6,535	93,600	53.66
1961-62	823.1	479.1	139.2	56,581	34,990	9,220	100,791	55.56
1961 -								
July	0.2	..	..	7	..	..	7	64.50
Aug.	62.6	..	..	4,468	..	..	4,468	55.11
Sep.	70.5	16.9	25.1	5,032	1,200	1,767	7,999	56.30
Oct.	98.0	83.4	22.1	6,840	6,184	1,517	14,541	56.57
Nov.	98.1	48.8	23.1	6,839	3,675	1,603	12,117	57.06
Dec.	63.7	49.0	21.4	4,283	3,578	1,410	9,271	55.50
1962 -								
Jan.	62.9	45.6	..	4,232	3,211	..	7,443	54.62
Feb.	67.1	47.3	19.3	4,831	3,641	1,276	9,748	58.36
Mar.	131.0	47.7	19.2	9,495	3,597	1,161	14,253	57.18
Apr.	14.3	43.5	0.7	942	3,283	52	4,277	58.21
May	104.3	85.7	..	6,622	6,037	..	12,659	52.69
June	50.4	11.2	8.3	2,990	584	434	4,008	45.37
July	0.1	..	..	5	..	..	5	38.75

(Excluding Electric Tramways and Road Motor
Services under the Control of the Railway Commissioners)

Period	Traffic Train Mileage	No. of Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (Excl. Livestock)	Live- stock Carried	Earnings (a)	Working Expenses (b)	Excess of Earnings Over Working Expenses
	'000.		'000 tons			£'000	
1953-54	18,303	166,106	8,622	579	35,707	35,951	- 244
1954-55	18,740	169,204	9,508	575	37,667	37,032	635
1955-56	18,635	166,708	9,127	480	37,032	38,026	- 994
1956-57	18,544	167,405	8,935	445	37,352	39,118	- 1,766
1957-58	18,353	167,662	8,385	507	35,954	38,174	- 2,220
1958-59	18,426	163,484	8,840	455	38,150	38,123	27
1959-60	18,282	158,294	9,281	407	39,190	39,557	- 367
1960-61	18,232	149,929	10,685	292	42,987	41,627	1,360
1958 - Dec.	1,582	13,098	605	38	3,098	3,323	- 225
1959 -							
Jan.	1,544	11,762	783	40	3,392	3,101	291
Feb.	1,443	13,292	805	35	3,248	2,809	439
Mar.	1,585	14,575	765	35	3,240	3,158	82
Apr.	1,531	13,198	883	34	3,402	3,116	286
May	1,582	13,540	790	31	3,199	3,387	- 188
Dec.	1,649	10,796	694	40	3,227	3,356	- 129
1960 -							
Jan.	1,500	12,768	763	27	3,368	3,179	189
Feb.	1,471	16,806	783	26	3,252	2,945	307
Mar.	1,559	11,453	907	28	3,448	3,361	87
Apr.	1,432	9,972	792	20	3,112	3,638	- 526
May	1,466	15,016	858	24	3,438	3,541	- 103
Dec.	1,572	9,907	795	26	3,417	3,481	- 64
1961 -							
Jan.	1,558	11,994	998	18	3,982	3,410	572
Feb.	1,490	15,612	1,074	18	3,931	3,044	887
Mar.	1,633	11,396	1,012	23	3,796	3,527	269
Apr.	1,508	10,556	847	17	3,328	3,369	- 41
May	1,622	14,353	964	29	3,825	3,685	140
Dec.	1,544	10,439	728	19	3,314	3,526	- 212
1962 -							
Jan.	1,581	12,167	900	19	3,817	3,766	51
Feb.	1,635	15,762	829	18	3,671	3,273	398
Mar.	1,512	11,796	954	20	3,605	3,743	- 138
Apr.	1,570	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3,303	3,462	- 159
May	1,621	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3,749	3,735	14

Source : Victorian Railways Department.

(a) Excludes grants from consolidated revenue.

(b) Includes cost of pensions and pay-roll tax.

n.a. Not available.

NOTE : Minus sign (-) denotes excess of working expenses over earnings.

CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT VICTORIAN PORTS
('000 Tons)

Period	Cargo Discharged				Cargo Shipped			
	Oversea		Interstate		Oversea		Interstate	
	Weight	Measure- ment	Weight	Measure- ment	Weight	Measure- ment	Weight	Measure- ment
1951-52	3,093	1,725	2,128	243	1,040	372	444	297
1952-53	2,474	630	2,275	189	1,016	505	404	263
1953-54	2,871	943	2,216	344	856	493	462	423
1954-55	3,938	1,286	2,223	354	1,264	556	883	423
1955-56	4,679	1,306	2,469	369	1,359	550	1,193	372
1956-57	4,665	949	2,412	307	1,467	514	1,164	388
1957-58	4,810	1,032	2,505	339	1,093	541	1,371	365
1958-59	4,924	981	2,740	342	1,619	528	1,111	382
1959-60	5,392	1,228	2,519	491	1,503	532	1,371	537
1960-61	5,707	1,601	2,294	611	2,108	515	1,496	529
1958 -								
Oct.	439	91	212	37	99	42	63	45
Nov.	382	88	215	45	156	39	76	41
Dec.	519	74	166	30	174	48	103	28
1959 -								
Jan.	481	107	166	22	179	26	78	28
Feb.	292	55	205	24	204	22	89	30
Mar.	362	89	268	33	101	47	100	36
Oct.	473	94	253	39	98	52	120	52
Nov.	422	100	225	61	161	38	99	51
Dec.	396	98	212	38	77	44	144	45
1960 -								
Jan.	463	86	165	35	140	38	62	40
Feb.	398	138	184	38	162	31	118	48
Mar.	468	110	153	40	176	55	108	53
Oct.	535	132	206	54	120	48	125	53
Nov.	576	108	204	41	125	25	107	41
Dec.	362	303	172	44	165	43	155	51
1961 -								
Jan.	509	142	210	41	220	37	121	40
Feb.	474	123	133	77	243	43	99	62
Mar.	391	113	184	85	262	45	133	29
Oct.	485	117	269	38	270	40	135	57
Nov.	483	84	130	45	248	49	144	51
Dec.	536	72	191	38	271	37	109	48
1962 -								
Jan.	478	84	158	45	177	20	148	36
Feb.	437	75	147	36	202	36	92	38
Mar.	392	82	182	57	203	51	152	43

NOTE : All figures from July, 1961 are subject to revision.

Period	Cars (b)	Station Wagons	Utilities	Panel Vans	Other (c)	Total Excluding Motor Cycles	Motor Cycles (d)
1952-53	26,377	397	6,618	1,146	3,694	38,232	1,205
1953-54	33,708	671	6,673	1,474	3,652	46,178	2,358
1954-55	46,728	800	8,553	2,586	4,768	63,435	2,363
1955-56	48,496	1,167	8,899	3,414	5,256	67,232	2,244
1956-57	42,701	1,161	7,386	3,001	4,319	58,568	1,963
1957-58	45,948	3,897	7,592	3,954	3,962	65,353	2,142
1958-59	45,058	7,868	7,114	5,201	4,421	69,662	2,280
1959-60	57,410	12,787	7,124	5,106	5,007	87,434	2,220
1960-61	52,515	14,485	6,094	3,476	5,234	81,804	1,356
1961-62	45,270	14,215	5,298	3,041	3,978	71,802	737
1959 -							
Jan.	3,425	529	573	328	323	5,178	177
Feb.	3,391	603	465	397	344	5,200	186
Mar.	3,455	700	589	463	355	5,562	175
Apr.	3,922	770	589	492	367	6,140	180
May	3,467	688	567	482	386	5,590	205
June	4,132	902	753	527	481	6,795	176
1960 -							
Jan.	3,752	715	516	252	309	5,544	183
Feb.	4,514	1,173	507	316	399	6,909	239
Mar.	5,210	1,140	588	350	526	7,814	258
Apr.	4,610	1,018	530	292	410	6,860	179
May	5,285	1,341	684	373	509	8,192	182
June	4,712	1,275	535	344	463	7,329	133
1961 -							
Jan.	2,644	860	367	178	307	4,356	109
Feb.	2,973	940	478	237	399	5,027	122
Mar.	4,255	1,396	504	295	370	6,820	81
Apr.	3,156	1,062	446	265	304	5,233	81
May	3,948	1,126	597	237	415	6,323	93
June	3,066	946	429	216	367	5,024	58
1962 -							
Jan.	3,046	943	362	192	281	4,824	76
Feb.	3,690	1,145	418	265	300	5,818	73
Mar.	4,561	1,435	555	321	323	7,195	77
Apr.	3,743	1,101	484	265	323	5,916	58
May	4,645	1,421	568	348	418	7,400	46
June	4,720	1,469	519	296	350	7,354	48

(a) Excludes defence service vehicles, but includes other Commonwealth-owned vehicles.

(b) Includes ambulances and hearses.

(c) Includes trucks, omnibuses, etc.

(d) Includes motor scooters.

* First 6 months of 1953.

NOTE : Between 1st February, 1955, and 30th June, 1959, figures include extra-metropolitan registrations for month prior to that indicated.

VICTORIA -- ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES AS REPORTED BY THE POLICE

Period	City of Melbourne (a)			Metropolitan Area (b) Excluding City of Melbourne		
	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured
1952-53	1,310	42	1,525	4,740	173	5,579
1953-54	1,142	38	1,326	4,971	186	5,917
1954-55	1,108	38	1,282	5,110	203	6,035
1955-56	1,075	26	1,225	5,248	192	6,307
1956-57	1,074	25	1,287	5,398	205	6,621
1957-58	1,098	29	1,314	5,501	187	6,881
1958-59	1,021	41	1,229	6,967	240	8,799
1959-60	1,143	30	1,386	6,892	283	8,780
1960-61	1,079	41	1,396	6,945	326	9,065
1960 --						
Mar. Qr.	206	5	252	1,394	65	1,854
June Qr.	313	12	381	1,899	94	2,404
Sep. Qr.	293	11	373	1,869	89	2,409
1961 --						
Mar. Qr.	238	9	321	1,494	62	1,988
June Qr.	282	11	351	1,815	94	2,315
Sep. Qr.	278	15	355	1,739	100	2,171
Period	Remainder of State			Total - Victoria		
	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured
1952-53	4,048	300	5,460	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54	4,424	345	6,108	10,537	569	13,351
1954-55	3,999	287	5,516	10,217	528	12,833
1955-56	4,283	364	5,951	10,606	582	13,483
1956-57	4,332	359	6,212	10,804	589	14,120
1957-58	4,634	355	6,820	11,233	571	15,015
1958-59	4,474	380	6,756	12,462	661	16,784
1959-60	4,232	385	6,429	12,267	698	16,595
1960-61	4,116	406	6,296	12,140	773	16,757
1960 --						
Mar. Qr.	1,046	89	1,675	2,646	159	3,781
June Qr.	1,062	110	1,633	3,274	216	4,418
Sep. Qr.	932	90	1,401	3,094	190	4,183
1961 --						
Mar. Qr.	1,113	117	1,773	2,845	188	4,082
June Qr.	1,031	95	1,539	3,128	200	4,205
Sep. Qr.	932	104	1,369	2,949	219	3,895

(a) Municipality of Melbourne.

(b) Re-defined and enlarged in 1954 and 1961.

Period	Gross Connections of Telephone Services			Television Viewers' Licences in Force (a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in Force (a)	Post Office Revenue (b)
	Metro.	Country	Total			
			'000			£'000
1952-53	20.9	10.3	31.2	—	533.3	19,164.7
1953-54	22.8	9.6	32.4	—	545.2	20,118.0
1954-55	24.3	11.6	35.9	—	549.7	21,093.5
1955-56	28.4	12.1	40.5	—	554.3	22,910.4
1956-57	25.2	11.3	36.5	45.0	554.9	26,059.4
1957-58	30.4	12.6	43.0	147.7	558.0	27,649.9
1958-59	30.7	14.1	44.8	270.1	605.3	29,662.1
1959-60	33.4	14.5	47.9	353.1	606.6	35,275.8
1960-61	39.0	16.6	55.6	401.4	589.4	38,820.7
1961-62	42.3	18.0	60.3	460.6	585.8	39,930.9
1959 -						
Jan.	2.1	0.9	3.0	227.3	589.0	2,245.8
Feb.	2.7	1.2	3.9	234.6	591.7	2,366.3
Mar.	2.2	1.0	3.2	243.0	598.3	2,157.5
Apr.	2.6	1.3	3.9	253.2	608.6	2,627.6
May	2.9	1.5	4.4	261.3	603.5	2,469.2
June	2.7	1.3	4.0	270.1	605.3	2,813.9
1960 -						
Jan.	2.2	1.1	3.3	312.8	597.6	2,968.8
Feb.	2.4	1.1	3.5	320.6	602.1	2,927.4
Mar.	2.4	0.8	3.2	327.3	600.6	3,201.4
Apr.	2.6	0.8	3.4	332.8	597.6	2,556.9
May	2.5	1.3	3.8	342.8	603.1	3,264.1
June	2.7	1.3	4.0	353.1	606.6	3,901.5
1961 -						
Jan.	2.2	1.0	3.2	386.3	598.5	3,015.0
Feb.	2.5	1.4	3.9	386.4	593.1	3,208.6
Mar.	3.0	1.4	4.4	391.7	593.8	3,401.8
Apr.	2.4	1.3	3.7	392.0	589.7	2,844.3
May	3.2	1.5	4.7	398.0	589.9	3,378.0
June	2.9	1.3	4.2	401.4	589.4	3,754.5
1962 -						
Jan.	2.7	1.2	3.9	433.3	590.5	3,183.6
Feb.	3.2	1.4	4.6	437.3	589.3	3,411.7
Mar.	3.7	1.3	5.0	444.7	591.3	3,385.8
Apr.	3.2	1.4	4.6	448.7	590.8	2,999.4
May	4.1	2.0	6.1	455.8	589.0	3,602.1
June	4.3	1.8	6.1	460.6	585.8	3,719.2

Source : Postmaster-General's Department.

(a) At end of Period.

(b) Excludes Radio and Television receipts.

VICTORIA - RAINFALL IN DISTRICTS
(Inches)

Period	Mallee	Wimmera	Western	Northern Country	North Central	Central	North East	Gipps- land
1911-40 (a)	12.49	17.52	27.59	18.09	28.16	28.89	34.81	33.47
1955	17.68	22.44	32.40	26.00	35.99	34.12	49.05	33.86
1956	20.85	24.31	34.02	31.45	41.17	34.29	55.59	44.25
1957	9.67	14.87	26.82	13.55	23.01	24.85	27.32	31.98
1958	15.45	17.65	29.05	21.40	31.57	28.99	37.78	35.42
1959	9.97	15.16	24.46	16.56	26.09	26.53	27.69	33.63
1960	18.08	24.75	36.01	22.70	38.45	34.98	40.16	37.26
1961	13.44	15.07	24.03	14.90	25.27	22.90	27.60	33.04
1911-40 (b)								
Jan.	0.68	0.74	1.19	1.04	1.37	1.66	1.83	2.49
Feb.	1.02	1.14	1.57	1.27	1.73	1.87	2.01	2.33
Mar.	0.65	0.79	1.59	1.16	1.72	2.22	2.22	2.68
Apr.	0.82	1.18	2.15	1.33	2.12	2.41	2.48	2.74
May	1.23	1.77	2.69	1.68	2.58	2.41	3.05	2.65
June	1.32	1.97	2.89	2.06	3.18	2.67	4.26	3.05
July	1.23	1.97	2.91	1.85	3.02	2.47	3.82	2.86
Aug.	1.24	1.94	3.19	1.84	3.11	2.71	4.03	2.90
Sep.	1.27	2.00	2.97	1.82	2.83	2.78	3.27	2.93
Oct.	1.22	1.51	2.50	1.65	2.52	2.90	3.20	3.25
Nov.	0.86	1.22	2.11	1.13	1.94	2.43	2.23	2.74
Dec.	0.95	1.29	1.83	1.26	2.04	2.36	2.41	2.85
1961 -								
Feb.	0.46	0.61	0.62	0.59	1.05	1.30	0.86	1.34
Mar.	1.00	0.71	1.11	1.81	2.41	2.28	1.82	4.84
Apr.	1.83	2.83	4.41	1.95	3.46	2.65	3.42	2.46
May	0.28	0.59	1.82	0.51	1.20	2.03	0.90	2.53
June	0.67	1.48	2.89	1.50	3.56	2.83	3.37	3.26
July	1.40	2.07	3.21	1.56	3.28	2.73	3.60	4.99
Aug.	1.04	0.92	2.60	1.66	2.42	3.06	3.52	3.03
Sep.	1.51	1.27	1.72	1.19	0.97	0.93	1.48	2.84
Oct.	0.52	1.34	2.05	0.85	2.23	1.95	2.29	2.56
Nov.	2.38	1.08	1.24	1.15	1.55	0.97	2.46	1.64
Dec.	2.11	2.03	1.97	1.51	2.05	1.40	2.78	2.31
1962 -								
Jan.	2.11	0.98	0.79	3.09	2.77	1.85	3.52	3.87
Feb.	0.12	0.48	1.25	0.30	0.91	1.33	0.67	1.89
Mar.	0.38	0.71	1.57	0.95	1.74	0.87	1.66	0.77
Apr.	0.07	0.27	0.77	0.40	0.64	1.10	1.64	1.51
May	1.40	2.33	3.54	2.59	4.54	4.62	5.66	4.26
June	0.99	2.62	4.24	1.54	3.15	2.29	4.05	2.33
July	0.87	1.03	1.95	1.73	2.79	2.48	2.40	2.09

Source : Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology.

(a) Average rainfall per year over a standard 30 years' period.

(b) Average rainfall per month over a standard 30 years' period.